

"From the Heart"
Volunteers are angels in disguise.



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With the beginning of a new month we are beginning a new, and more user friendly method of tracking our yarn as it goes out our door and our projects as they come in.!

Our card file is gone! I'm sure many of you will be thrilled to not have to spend precious stitching time searching for your card!! In its place you will now find a clipboard bearing a daily tally sheet for both yarn going out and projects coming in. Just list your name, the number of skeins you are taking and the number of items you are bringing in. Add your contact info in case we have a question. Sometimes items come in that receive so many positive comments we would like to contact the stitcher who created it! This should simplify the whole procedure...takes no time at all, and you can immediately start your next project! ! Our group notebook is still in use. We encourage our groups to continue to record their information there.!

With this in mind, I'd like to tell you about a few terrific donations we've received recently. First we were given another 7" trash" bags of yarn by our buddies in Yorktown/Gloucester, Coordinated Colors! Wonderful yarn, all acrylic so fits right into our needs. A day or so later we received a very nice check, donated by long time supporter, The Matt Davis Foundation. !

Then the unbelievable happened! The employer of one of our brand new members, who learned of us from her sister who learned of us through Suntrust, and is also a new member, has donated 5 of the largest A C Moore bags of yarn you've ever seen! !

So...I guess the message here is that while we do have a new system for keeping track of our yarn (IRS will be pleased!), we also have so much yarn for which we need to keep track! Hurry in to the shop for your selections and, by all means, plan to sit a spell and enjoy the atmosphere!!

See you soon at the shop!!

Lois

Current Needs

We currently need baby blankets and adult blankets. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

Fredericksburg / King George Area Current Needs

We currently need baby items, blankets of all sizes, chemo hats and shrugs . As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

PLEASE LOCK DOORS (front and back) UPON LEAVING THE SHOP!

Quite frequently we have found the shop door(s) unlocked. It appears some folks are going into the shop for various reasons but fail to lock up when they leave. We don't have a problem with our members stopping in when necessary but we do have a problem with the door being left unlocked after departure.

Inclement Weather

The colder weather is here and winter weather is on its way. We want to be sure everyone knows that the shop will not open if the local schools are closed. We don't want any of you to be put in harm's way, especially with the urgent need for you to be creating things to keep people warm. Stay safe this winter and do not come to the shop when the weather is bad.

2014 From the Heart Annual Retreat

“Back to Basics”

Saturday August 23, 2014

One month closer and time continues to roll on as we move on with our preparations for our 2014 Retreat. You will note that we have adopted "Back to the Basics" as our theme this year as the current plan is to concentrate on you, the volunteer, as the focal point of the Retreat this year.

We still need volunteers for several different areas and, this month, are asking specifically if anyone would like to work with Mary Murray to help with making our centerpieces. We need knitters, crocheters and people who are willing and able to spend some time helping Mary with a rather different approach to the centerpieces this year. Curious? Contact Mary at murraymary23@yahoo.com to find out more ☺

We also still need help with setting up on Friday night/Saturday morning and filling up the goodie bags prior to the Retreat (probably a week or so prior). Please contact Tricia Ennis at ennis1000@verizon.net if you can help with these.

Don't forget to mark your calendars now:

Saturday August 23, 2014
2014 From the Heart Annual Retreat
Suggested Donation \$35

A Day Out In Gloucester, VA

I enjoy "yarn tastings" - getting out and about to sample what local yarn shops (LYS) have to offer. There's nothing quite like feeling the texture of a beautiful yarn in an attractive cozy setting of a LYS. Looking online, in a catalogue, or the usual chain store never quite measures up...in my opinion. So -in support of a delightful LYS 14 intrepid From the Heart ladies and their 4 guests carpooled their way to the charming little historic village of Gloucester, VA on a bright Friday, Feb. 7 morning. Located off Highway 17 and across the bridge from Yorktown, our happy group met up in Gloucester to visit Coordinated Colors' new shop on Main St. Their original shop is in Yorktown, but they've only recently opened this second shop offering classes, a wide selection of yarn, accessories and a welcoming atmosphere complete with large comfy sofa. They support From the Heart with large donations of yarn from time to time. We lunched at nearby Daffodil Vintage on Main -a quaint tearoom offering light lunch fare of salads, sandwiches, soup, decadent desserts and of course a selection of tea, coffee and other beverages. Each table was decked out in exquisite style - place settings of china, cutlery, linens, flowers and sweet tea-cozied teapots. After a delicious leisurely lunch we wandered off to shop for yarn and visit other places - antique and gift shops. It

was a wonderful day...meeting new people...chatting with friends, enjoying the sunshine. We should do this more often! I, for one, can't get enough chances to see what other LYS's are out there waiting to be "tasted". If it involves yarn and food - count me in!



Stop by the Shop

When was the last time you sat, stitched and enjoyed the camaraderie at the shop?

Tricia Ennis is the March scheduler. Contact her at ennis1000@verizon.net or 804-683-9015.

Congratulations to Joanne Fairbanks who is the winner for the February shopkeeper prize. Joanne, there will be a nice bag of yarn at the shop for you to pick up for a special project.

Donation Inventory Numbers

<u>Previous Total</u>	
Mid 2002 – 2013	180,534
<u>2014</u>	
January	1,627
February	<u>2,182</u>
	3,809
Grand Total	184,343